

Annexure [See Appendix 192, Annexure No. 19]. The status of availability of Medical and Para-medical staff in these health centres is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 192, Annexure No. 19].

(b)^t State-wise allocation under Health Sector during last four years is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 192, Annexure No. 19]. From the current financial year a new scheme "The Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)" has been introduced to bridge the critical gaps in quality of care within the rural health infrastructure. For this purpose an allocation of Rs. 375.00 crores has been made by Planning Commission during 2000-01, as Additional Central Assistance. States have been requested to utilize the funds assigned for the primary health Sector under PMGY.

Prices of Medicines

3048. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between the whole sale and retail prices of certain medicines; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) For scheduled drugs and formulations, the permissible margins are regulated under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995. The retail prices of decontrolled drugs and formulations are fixed by the manufacturers.

Action against spurious drugs manufacturers

3049. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of the provisions for taking concrete legal action against those responsible for converting the life saving drugs into death causing poison and to check the increasing prevalence of spurious drugs; and

^tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.